

John Mayo – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745

John Mayo arrived in Plymouth in the 1630's. He was described as a quiet person and a godly and able gospel preacher. He was teaching in Barnstable in 1639. He had held political offices including assistant to Gov. Bradford. He was ordained in 1640 in the Barnstable church where Rev. Lothrop was pastor

Rev. Mayo moved to Eastham about 1646. He left Eastham about 1655 to become pastor of the Second Church in Boston. He served in Boston until 1672. He moved to Barnstable in 1673 and died in Yarmouth in 1676.

1644 (before Eastham had a minister)

The Plymouth Court granted to the Church and to all those who go to dwell at Nauset all land from sea to sea from the Purchasers bounds at Namskaket to the Herring Brook at Billingsgate including all meadows on both sides of the brook and the Great Bass Pond. PDF A107, M267.

1658

Granted to John Mayo the swamp next to his land and house provided he clear the swamp in two years. PDF P19

1659

Granted to John Mayo half an acre of meadow lying next to Mark Snow's land at the head of the meadow at Billingsgate. PDF A110, M237, S27.

Granted to John Mayo eight acres of land for a house on the northwest side of land belonging to John Mayo Jr. Five acres of the property were lawfully possessed by Henry Atkins. Some of the property was fenced. PDF A110, A168, M64, M236, S13, S14, S26.

Granted to John Mayo four acres on the south side of the Cedar Swamp. It borders common land which is reserved for a highway. The land was lawfully possessed by Henry Atkins. PDF A110, S13, S14, M65.

Three-quarters of an acre of meadow at Billingsgate lawfully possessed by John Mayo was granted to Thomas Paine. PDF A110.

Granted to John Mayo one and one-half acres of meadow at Boat Meadow at the Common Cove next to land of Richard Higgins. The land was lawfully possessed by Henry Atkins. PDF A168, S13, S14, M65.

Granted to John Mayo three acres of meadow in the Great Meadow next to land of Richard Higgins and next to a marsh and a creek. The land was lawfully possessed by Henry Atkins. PDF A168, S13, M65.

Granted to John Mayo fifteen acres at Pochet lawfully possessed by Thomas Roberts. The land was southeast of land owned by Richard Higgins and was bounded with marked trees. PDF M119, S12.

1660

Granted to John Mayo one and one-half acres of meadow at the south side of the harbor's mouth towards Rock Harbor lawfully possessed by Henry Atkins. The property was next to property of Nathaniel Mayo and Ralph Smith. PDF A156, A168, M65, M221, S13, S14. (Note – the same grant was recorded as 1665 in PDF A111.)

1662

Josiah Cooke purchased from John Young for public benefit including use by the Ministry about four acres plus a small addition of three-quarters of an acre of meadow at the waterside. The property was next to property of Richard Higgins and William Bradford. PDF A190, M97.

After Gov. Bradford died, his parcel of land and meadow was lawfully possessed by Manaseth Kempton of Plymouth. Mr. Kempton donated the property to the Eastham Church. A transcription of his 1662 donation letter is in the records. PDF A190, M97.

1669

John Mayo sold one-half acre of meadow at Billingsgate to Ralph Smith. The meadow was next to property of Steven Atwood and property of John Young. PDF A156, M221, S32.

1673

Granted to John Mayo a parcel of upland at the Mill Timber Neck lying between Pochet swamps and Nicholas Snow's land. PDF A110, M237, S56.

A parcel of upland containing ten acres on the northwest side of Duck Creek at Little Billingsgate lawfully possessed by John Mayo was granted to Thomas Prence. PDF A110, M237.

A parcel of upland on the northeast side of Long Pond lawfully possessed by John Mayo was granted to Thomas Prence. PDF A167, M235.

A parcel of meadow containing four acres on the hither side of the first river at Little Billingsgate lawfully possessed by John Mayo was granted to Thomas Prence. PDF A167.

A parcel of upland containing twenty acres where Billingsgate River joins Duck Creek lawfully possessed by John Mayo was granted ten acres each to Thomas Prence and John Doane. PDF A167, M235.

1674

John Mayo purchased from Thomas Cole one and one-half acres of upland on the westerly side of a swamp and next to land belonging to Henry Atkins and next to a highway. PDF A120, S35.

1677

John Mayo sold to John Young for eight pounds ten acres of upland on Pochet on the westerly side of Young's Cove and near Thomas Paine's land. PDF A245, M244, M245, S45, S46.

The land owned by John Mayo described in these records amounts to about fifty acres. By 1745 twenty-two more Mayos received Eastham land grants.